1994, have declined to the range of Rs. 1293 to Rs. 1570 from 1st July to 21st July, 1994. To contain the sugar prices and to ensure adequate availability of sugar, the following measures have been taken :

1. Import of sugar has been allowed under OGL. No duty of customs will be levied on this import. A quantity of about 5.98 lakh tonnes imported by private parties as already arrived at various ports upto 22-7-1994 and has started reaching domestic markets in various parts of the country.

2. In order to augment the supply for the Public Distribution System, it has further been decided that Public Sector Undertakings, *i.e.* STC and MMTC, would also undertake import of sugar. Of the contracts made by STC/MMTC, a quantity of about 42,000 tonnes has already arrived at various ports.

3. Import of raw sugar has been placed under the OGL.

4. With a view to ensure that indigenous sugar is not held back by sugar mills, restrictions on sale and despatch of freesale sugar has been imposed on a weekly basis, instead of fornightly basis which existed earlier.

5. Gur (Control) Order 1994 has been issued, imposing stock-holding limits, turnover period etc., on the stocks held by gur dealers. This has been done with a view to discourage speculative hoarding of gur. It is also expected to have a synrache one scbering effect on sugar prices.

6. Sugar industry has been persuaded to agree to the conversion of 2.5 lakh tonnes of freesale sugar into levy as loan on replenishment basis, for distribution to the consumers through the Public Distribution Systems.

7. Sugar prices in the open market are regulated through monthly releases, which are made in a judicious manner, in order to maintain the prices at reasonable levels.

Import of sugar

558. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports regarding large scale fature trading in sugar by Indian operators only days before the cabinet decide to duty free imports of sugar ; and

(b) if so, what are the names of people and firms who have imported sugar after the cabiner decision and the quantity of sugar imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) No , Sir.

(b) Since Government has no reports regarding large scale future trading in sugar by Indian operators prior to the decision of the Cabinet about duty free import of sugar, the names of such persons/firms are not available with the Ministry of Food.

However, a statement showing the names of importers of sugar under Open General Licence (OGL) and the quantity of sugar imported by them into India till 22-7-1994 morning is e nclosed.

Statement

Names of the Importers of Sugar under open general licence (OGL) and the Quantity of sugar imported (arrived in India) by them.

As on 22-7-1994 (6.00 A.M.)

Sl.No.	Name of the Importing Party	Qty. arrived (In tonnes)
(1)	(2)	(3)
	Private Parties:	
1	Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd, New Delhi.	92,995
2	Great Eastern Shipping Company Ltd., Bombay.	78,454
3	Kesar Enterprises Ltd., Bombay.	16,102
4	Bhopal Sugar Industries Ltd.	52,021
5	G.P. Trading (P) Ltd., Bombay.	42,179
6	M/s Bheda Brothers, Bombay and M/s Bheda & Co., Bombay.	7,887
7	M/s Jayanti Kumar Bombay.	2,005
8	Anant Rai & Hari Vallbhdas (P) Ltd., Bombay.	4,512
9	Meteor (P) Ltd., Bombay.	3,008
10	Adam & Co. Bombay.	12,179.3
11	Shadi Ram & Sons, Bombay.	6,076.8
12	Alphamata Trade (P) Ltd., Bombay.	284.3
13	Jantez Commercial Enterprises Ltd., Bombay.	218.7
14	Kothari Sugars & Chemicals Ltd., Madras.	13,049
15	Asia sugar+Chemicals, New Delhi.	14,000
16	Balrampur Chini Mills Ltd., Calcutta.	12,145
17	Essar World Trade Ltd., Bombay.	27,324.51
18	R. Pyarelal Import & Export Ltd., Calcutta.	12,598
19	Kothari Fermentation & Biochem Corporation Ltd., Calcutta.	10,700
20	Tinsukhia Trading Co., Calcutta.	2,027
21	Royal Trading Corpn. Ltd., Calcutta.	1,615
22	Prime Promoter, Calcutta.	2,700
23	India-Pakistan Border by Rail (Names of Parties not known).	17,232
24	Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd., New Delhi.	14,900
25	Kothari Soya Ltd., Bombay.	18,138
26	Upper Ganges Sugar Industries Ltd., Calcutta.	12,648

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27	Meteor Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta	1,405
28	I.T.C. Global Holding (P) Ltd., New Delhi, etc.	12,657
29	Meteor (P) Ltd., & Kesar Enterprises, Ltd., Bombay.	14,179
30	Deepak Vegetable Oil Ind. Ltd., Manaradar, Allanasons Ltd., Bombay. etc.	14.140
31	Grand Commercials Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta.	7,508
32	Thiru Arooran Sugars Ltd., Madras.	14,558
33	Allansons Ltd., Bombay, etc.	13,647.8
34	Ginners & Pressers Ltd., Bombay.	2,009
35	G. Premji Pvt. Ltd., Bombay, etc.	14,039
36	Nirmal Kumar, Calcutta.	1,700
37	GRML Exports, Calcutta.	2,000
38	Kessy Food Stuff	6,939
39	Unknown	9,878 7,000
	Total:	5,97,745.91
	Government Undertakings:	
1	State Trading Corporation of India, New Delhi.	42,034.00
2	Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India, New Delhi.	..
	Grand Total:	6,39,779.91

NOTE: The above information is based on the reports received from the Ministry of Surface Transport for sugar arrived at various ports and the Ministry of Railways for sugar arrived by rail at India-Pakistan Boarder.

Procurement of wheat

559. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat procurement this year has been less as compared to that of the last year;

(b) if so, what was the production of wheat during the year 1993 and till date;

(c) what effect it will have on the availability of wheat in the country through public distribution system and on the prices thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to import wheat like sugar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A quantity of 118.56 lakh tonnes of wheat for Central Pool has been procured upto